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**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**

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The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Freeport was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at the Housing Authority of the City of Freeport Administrative Office located at 1052 W. Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois at 12:00 p.m. Chair Smith-Norman called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

The following members were present and responded to roll call:

**Commissioners Present**

Commissioner Carter  
Commissioner Pearson  
Chair Smith-Norman  
Vice Chair Harrell  
Commissioner Bukas

**Staff Present**

James Palermo Jr., Director of Facilities & Maintenance  
Rachel Greenwood, Interim Executive Director & Property Operations Manager  
Bernadette Mekalska, Director of Administration  
Tasha Mazique, FSS Coordinator

**Consultants**

Mike Bainbridge, Chief Financial Officer

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Vice Chair Harrell moved, second by Commissioner Carter to approve the agenda for September 20, 2023, regular meeting, as presented. Approved by all on voice vote.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Regular Board Meeting Minutes, August 16, 2023.

Commissioner Harrell moved, second by Commissioner Carter to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes for August 10, 2023. On voice vote, Commissioners voted as follows:

**Devine:**                      **Smith-Norman:**                      **Aye**                      **Pearson:**                      **Aye**

**Harrell:** Aye      **Bukas:** Nay  
**Carter:** Aye      **Williams Thomas:**

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**VII. CLOSED SESSION**

At 12:25 pm Vice Chair Harrell moved, second by Commissioner Carter to enter Closed Session for the purpose of the following:

- a. Enter closed session for the purpose of the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5ILCS120/2(c)(5.)
- b. Enter closed session for the purpose of setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body, 5ILCS120/2(c)(6).

On roll call, the following members voted:

<b>Devine:</b>		<b>Smith-Norman:</b>	Aye	<b>Pearson:</b>	Aye
<b>Harrell:</b>	Aye	<b>Bukas:</b>	Aye		
<b>Carter:</b>	Aye	<b>Williams Thomas:</b>			

**VIII. OPEN SESSION**

At 12:52 pm Commissioner Carter moved, second by Commissioner Pearson to return to open session. On a roll call, following members voted:

<b>Devine:</b>		<b>Smith-Norman:</b>	Aye	<b>Pearson:</b>	Aye
<b>Harrell:</b>	Aye	<b>Bukas:</b>	Aye		
<b>Carter:</b>	Aye	<b>Williams Thomas:</b>			

**IX. FINANCIAL REPORT, Mike Bainbridge**

Chief Financial Officer, Mike Bainbridge presented financial reports for August 2023.

**X. HACF REPORTS**

HACF's Property, Maintenance and Administration Directors presented department reports.

**XI. RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **092023-01** Resolution to Approve Transfer of Public Housing Reserves to Freeport RAD I, LLC (Brewster and Hosmer Apartments).
- b. **092023-02** Resolution Authorizing Approval of Pearson Company as the Pest Control Services Provider for the Housing Authority of the City of Freeport.

